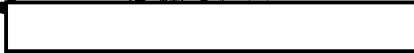


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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: President Kennedy's Trip to Costa Rica
Situation Report as of 1300 EST

1. President Kennedy's arrival this morning was unmarred by any unpleasant incident.

2. An element in the Costa Rican Communist party (PVP) which had persisted in planning some disruptive action during the conference now seems disposed to lie low, accepting the argument of PVP Secretary General Manuel Mora. In addition, some Communists have left San Jose, possibly because they concluded that their chances of mounting a successful anti-conference campaign were poor. They may also feel that it is now too late for the party to make much propaganda capital from arrests of individual members.

3. Contingency security plans of the Costa Rican government are in effect and six Costa Ricans were arrested the night of 17 March for distributing anti-conference propaganda.

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